



2021 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Construction Update #22 – 10/8/2021

What has happened during the past week?

- Concrete sidewalk and driveways were poured in Phase 3 from Pleasant Drive to Hillside Street
 - **IMPORTANT – Residents should allow 7 days from time of pouring before driving over new concrete**
- Compost seeding was re-applied in areas of low growth in phase 1 and was also applied to newly restored areas of phase 2 between Hillside Street and Lyn Way

What is scheduled for the week of October 11th?

- **Asphalt Driveway Restoration:** Asphalt driveways will be restored in phase 3 from Pleasant Drive to Hillside Street
- **Boulevard Restoration:** Disturbed areas behind the curb and sidewalk will be graded and have topsoil spread over them in preparation for compost seeding in phase 3 from Pleasant Drive to Hillside Street



Sidewalk pouring taking place along 15th Street near Westview Drive



Blown compost seeding being re-applied to area of low growth in phase 1. Phase 2 was also seeded this week.

Who do I contact with questions or for assistance? Project management services are being provided by the City's Engineering Department. The department can be reached at **(651) 480-2334** with project questions and concerns.

Spread the Word & Encourage E-Updates! Please make sure to share this information with your neighbors and tenants, and encourage them to sign up for at least one of the two electronic updates options if they have not yet done so!

- **E-Notifications** - Sign up for email updates on our website at www.hastingsmn.gov. Click on the E-notifications button at the bottom of the page, and sign up for "2021 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements".
- **Text Messages** – this is a great way to have the information in the palm of your hand! You'll receive a weekly text message from us with a direct web link to the current construction update. Text **15STREET** to **888777** to enroll. Reply **STOP** at any point to opt out.



Final Stages of Project - Frequently Asked Questions:

What am I responsible for in terms of restoration, do I need to seed my yard myself?

We understand the desire to have your yard restored as soon as possible, and that you may be wondering if that responsibility falls on you. Some key notes that we would like residents to remember in regards to restoration of yards:

- **Responsibility of Seeding and Initial New Seed Maintenance** – The answer to, “Do I need to seed this myself?” is **NO**. As part of this improvements project our contractor is responsible to restore ALL areas disturbed by construction activities. Please do not apply your own seed, fertilizer, weed control, or any other lawn care products to these areas until the spring when the new turf has been successfully established.

Responsibility In summary: Our contractor is responsible to sufficiently establish growing grass back in your yard in all disturbed areas on their own. After grass has been successfully established in your yard, care and maintenance responsibility transitions back to you.

- **Watering** – Although our contractor is required to water the newly applied seed sufficiently to establish growth, supplemental watering as outlined in the compost seeding packet that was provided to all residents is still advised. Typically, we are seeing residents that have been watering (within the regulations of current City of Hastings water restrictions) having better overall results with the newly applied seed.
- **Additional Care and Maintenance of Newly Seeded Areas** – For all other questions in regards to the maintenance and care of your compost seed please refer to the compost seed packet that was sent out 2 weeks ago to all homes along the project. If you would like another copy, please contact the engineering department.

I am not satisfied with the restoration of my lawn, what should I do?

We are currently aware that some areas within phase 1 of the 15th Street project between Lyn Way and Pine Street that have already been seeded are not being established as well as others. Rest assured, our contractor is required to establish sufficient growth of grass in restored areas and warranty this work for one year following the project. We have noted areas that currently appear like they will need additional attention yet this fall and will be diligent with monitoring the remainder of restoration well into next spring/summer. We will be revisiting the entire project area in the spring (April/May) and correcting any significant bare spots or other notable restoration issues as needed. We do ask that into 2022 you have patience as your newly seeded area will continue to germinate and fill in significantly through the first full growing cycle.

SAFETY REMINDER

For the safety of construction personnel, residents, and the public, although the project is nearing completion please continue to use caution along 15th Street in the construction zone between Pleasant Drive and Pine Street. During working hours of 7 AM to 7 PM our contractors will continue to be on site with heavy equipment and personnel for 2-3 more weeks. Use extra caution when driving or walking anywhere near the active work areas.

